

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 88 - SB 105

February 3, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Safety (DOS) to waive the knowledge test to obtain a commercial learner's permit (CLP) if an applicant provides supporting documentation that affirms the applicant possesses certain relevant military experience and a clean driving record as defined and enumerated in the legislation. Requires an applicant who obtains such a waiver to successfully complete any applicable vision and skills test and pay the appropriate fees, except a skills testing fee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent that the required modifications to the Department of Safety's A-List system can be accomplished within available resources provided under the current vendor contract, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures. Otherwise, those modifications could result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of up to \$20,000 in FY23-24.

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation's requirements to obtain a waiver for certain military personnel applying for a CLP aligns state law with the federal regulations established in 49 C.F.R. 383.77.
- The proposed legislation waives the skills testing fee for qualified applicants. However, based on information provided by DOS, there is no specific fee for either the knowledge or the skills test. Applicants pay a \$6 application fee and, if the applicant passes all the required tests, they pay the requisite license fee for whatever class of CPL they are pursuing. Therefore, there will be no decrease in revenue due to the waiver of either the knowledge test requirement or the skills test fee.
- Waiving the knowledge test for certain military personnel is not expected to result in a significant increase in revenue related to application and license fees.
- There are no adverse implications for any federal funding streams for the DOS or the Department of Transportation, as the requirements contained in the legislation align with federal regulations.
- According to DOS, implementation of the proposed legislation will require software modifications to the department's A-List system. As provided by the relevant vendor, the cost to perform these modifications is estimated to be \$20,000. It is assumed that these modifications can be accomplished by the vendor under the current contractual

agreement without a need for additional expenditures; therefore, any fiscal impact to DOS is estimated to be not significant.

- However, if the scope of work required by this and other legislation subsequently enacted exhausts the relevant contract provision, the proposed legislation could result in an increase in state expenditures up to \$20,000 in FY23-24.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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